

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d)
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): December 1, 2003

FIRSTMERIT CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	0-10161 (Commission file number)	34-1339938 (IRS employer identification number)
III Cascade Plaza, 7th Floor Akron, Ohio (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	44308 (Zip Code)	(330) 996-6300 (Telephone Number)

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SIGNATURE
EX-99.1 Press Release

Item 5. Other Events

On December 1, 2003, FirstMerit Corporation issued a press release announcing the sale of a substantial portion of its portfolio of manufactured housing loans to Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc., pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Loan Purchase Agreement dated December 1, 2003. The press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 7 Financial Statements, *Pro Forma* Financial Information and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Text of FirstMerit Corporation Press Release dated December 1, 2003

SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FirstMerit Corporation

Dated: December 1, 2003

By: /s/ Terrence E. Bichsel

Terrence E. Bichsel, Executive Vice
President and Chief Financial Officer